(c) Number of such cases received during the period January-June, 1996 are as given below :-

Month	Sanctions recd.
January'96	225
February'96	228
March'96	291
April'96	272
May'96	150
June'96	86
Total	1252

(d) Out of the sanctions given in part (c) above, the telephones installed and pending are :-

Month	Telephones Installed	Pending cases
Jan'96	191	34
Feb'96	193	35
March'96	220	71
April'96	190	82
May'96	115	35
June'96	76	10
Total	985	267

(e) Out of the total 267 pending cases, as many as 185 are pending on account of non-receipt of registration particulars from the customers. All the pending telephones will be installed within one month subject to receipt of the registration particulars and technically non-feasible areas becoming feasible.

Irregularities in Contracts for Laying Cables in Mandi, H.P.

1830 SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is come to the notice of the Government that gross irregularities were made in awarding the contracts for laying telephone cables in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of contract involved;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken/ proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Some irregularities have been alleged in laying of optical fibre cables on Mandi-Jogindernagar route in Mandi (H.P.)

(b) CBI have registered a case against two Deptt. officers and five contractors for investigation. The total cost of the above work is Rs.77.98 lacs (approx.)

(c) The case is under investigation by CBI.

(d) Outcome of investigation by CBI shall be examined by Government for appropriate action.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections

1831. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT :
SHRI LALIT ORAON :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is a long waiting list for getting new telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise, upto June, 1996;

(c) the number of persons sanctioned telephone connection from the quota of Members of Parliament but have not been provided the connection;

(d) the reasons for delay and the action taken against the officers responsible in this regard;

(e) the action being taken to reduce the waiting list and also to improve the functioning of telephone exchanges there;

(f) the number of telephone exchanges/Electronic Exchanges set up in the above States, location-wise, upto June, 1996, and

(g) the number of new telephone exchanges likely to be set up and old exchanges converted into Electronic Exchanges during 1996-97, State-wise, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHR BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The waiting list as on 30.6.96 in these three states is as under :-

Madhya Pradesh	-	47229
Orissa	-	22427
Bihar	-	48856

(b) The district-wise information is given in statement-I enclosed.

(c) Number of telephone connections sanctioned on the recommendations which are still pending are as follows :

Madhya Pradesh	-	12
Orissa	-	54
Bihar	-	12

(d) Delay is due to technical non feasibility.

(e) Action being taken to reduce the waiting list in these states by providing New Telephone connections during 1996-97 as per the targets given below :-

		Target for New Connections
1. Madhya Pradesh	-	45000 nos.
2. Orissa	-	27000 nos
3. Bihar	-	47000 nos

The steps being taken to improve the functioning of telephone exchanges in these states are given in Statement-II attached.

(f) The number of telephone exchange/electronic exchange set up in these states as on 30-6-1996 is given in Statement-III attached.

(g) The information is given in Statement IV attached

STATEMENT I

S. No.	Name of Telecom Districts	Name of Revenue District Covered	Waiting List as on 30.6.1996
1	2	3	4
1	Bopal	Bhopal Sehore	7560
2	Gwalior	Datia Gwalior	1638
3	Indore	Indore	2123
4	Jabalpur	Jabalpur	3604
5	Raipur	Raipur	1584
6	Betul	Betul	950
7	Chhatarpur	Chhatarpur	569
8	Chhindwara	Chhindwara	823
9	Dewas	Dewas	737
10	Guna	Guna	167
11	Jagdalpur	Jagdalpur	652
12	Mahakaushal	Balaghat Mandla	58
13	Narsinghpur	Narsinghpur	411
14	Raigarh	Raigarh	469
15	Rajgarh	Rajgarh	180
16	Rewa	Rewa Sidhi	900
17	Sagar	Sagar	843
18	Satna	Panna Satna	1419
19	Shadhol	Sarguja Shahdol	2055
20	Shajapur	Shajapur	203
21	Shivpuri	Shivpuri	301
22	Vidhisha	Raisen Vidisha	502
23	Bilaspur	Bilaspur	5444
24	Dhar	Dhar	457
25	Durg	Durg Rajnangaon	7714
26	Hoshang	Hoshangabad	1240
27	Khandwa	Khandwa	487
28	Khargone	Khargone	182
29	Mandsaur	Mandsaur	610
30	Morena	Bhind Morena	920
31	Ratlam	Jhabua Ratlam	1393
32	Ujjain	Ujjain	1034
		Total	47229
Orissa			
33	Balasore	Balasore/Bhadrak	2719
34	Baripada	Mayurbhanj	574
35	Berhampur	Ganjam/Gajapati/ Phulbani Boudh	1145
36	Bhubaneshwar	Khurda/Puri/Navegarh	6725
37	Bolangir	Bolangir/Sonepur/ Kalahandi Nuapada	610
38	Cuttack	Cuttack/Jaipur/ Kendrapara Jagatsinghpur	5864
39	Dhenkanal	Angul/Dhenkanal/ Keonjhar	1,550
40	Koraput	Koraput/Rayagada/ Nowrangpur/ Malkhangiri	255
41	Rourkela	Sundargarh/ Jharsubuda Bargarh/Deogarh	1615
42	Sambalpur	Sambalpur/ Jharsubuda Bargarh/Deograh	1369
		Total	22427
Bihar			
43	Chapra	Saran (Chapra), Siwan/Gopalganj	2950
44	Darbhangha	Darbanga/ Madhubani/ Samastipur/ Begusarai/Khagaria	5062
45	Dumka	Dumka/Deoghar/ Sahebganj Pakur/ Godda	1006
46	Dhanbad	Dhanbad/Bokaro	3872

1	2	3	4
47	Gaya	Gaya/Aurangabad/ Jehanabad Nawadah	1785
48	Hazaribagh	Hazaribagh/ Chatra/Giridh Kodarma	1393
49	Jamshedpur	East Singhbum/ West Singhbhum	6614
50	Katihar	Katihar/Kishanganj/ Purnia Araria part of Bhagalpur	1616
51	Munger	Munger/Sheikhpura/ Jamuni Lakhisarai	2149
52	Motihari	East Champaran/ West Champaran	1627
53	Muzaffarpur	Muzaffarpur/ Vaishali/Sitamarhi/ Sheohar	3913
54	Patna	Patna Nalanda	9268
55	Ranchi	Ranchi/Gumle/ Loherdagga	1858
56	Saharsa	Saharsa/Supeul Madhopura	417
57	Sasram	Rohtas/Bhabhua Palamu/Garhwa	1283
58	Arrah	Bhojpur/Buxar	1200
59	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur/Banka	2843
		Total	48856

STATEMENT II

The following steps are being taken to improve the functioning telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh Orissa and Bihar

1 Induction of new technologies in the network

2 Replacement of old and life expired exchanges

3 Upgradation of out door plant

4 Computerisation of services

5 Monitoring of the performance of exchanges at higher level

6 Refresher training for the staff for improving the skill

7 Induction of digital microwave and optical fibre system in the local network

STATEMENT III

For Madhya Pradesh

S. No.	Name of Telecom Districts	Name of Revenue District Covered	No. of Telephone Exchs. Electronic Exhs. as on 30.6.96
1	2	3	4
1.	Bopal	Bhopal Sehore	68
2.	Gwalior	Datia Gwalior	68
3.	Indore	Indore	59
4.	Jabalpur	Jabalpur	80
5.	Raipur	Raipur	86
6.	Betul	Betul	53
7.	Chhatarpur	Chhatarpur	77
8.	Chhindwara	Chhindwara	79
9.	Dewas	Dewas	89
10.	Guna	Guna	69
11.	Jagdalpur	Jagdalpur	59
12.	Mahakaushal	Balaghat Mandla	69
13.	Narsinghpur	Narsinghpur Seoni	92
14.	Raigarh	Raigarh	60
15.	Rajgarh	Rajgarh	49
16.	Rewa	Rewa Sidhi	56
17.	Sagar	Sagar	64
18.	Satna	Panna Satna	50
19.	Shadhol	Sarguja Shahdol	69
20.	Shajapur	Shajapur	80
21.	Shivpuri	Shivpuri	48
22.	Vidhisha	Raisen Vidisha	102
23.	Bilaspur	Bilaspur	110
24.	Dhar	Dhar	....
25.	Durg	Durg Rajnangaon	70
26.	Hoshang	Hoshangabad	122
27.	Khandwa	Khandwa	89
28.	Khargone	Khargone	126
29.	Mandsaur	Mandsaur	149
30.	Morena	Bhind Morena	118
31.	Ratlam	Jhabua Ratlam	105
32.	Ujjain	Ujjain	104
		Total	2637

For Orissa

1.	Balsasore	Balasore Bhadrak	50
2.	Baripada	Mayurbhanj	34

1	2	3	4
3.	Bherhampur	Ganjam Gajapati Phulbani Boudh	115
4.	Bhubaneswar	Khurda Puri Nayagarh	84
5.	Bolangir	Bolangir Sonepur Kalahandi Nuapada	53
6.	Cuttack	Cuttack Jaipur Kendrapara Jagatsinghpur	117
7.	Dhenkanal	Angul Dhenkanal Keonjhar	85
8.	Koraput	Koraput Rayagada Nowrangpur Malkhangiri	60
9.	Rourkela	Sundhargarh Jharsubuda Bargarh Deogarh	40
10.	Sambalpur	Sambalpur Jharsuguda Bargarh Deogarh	67
		Total	705

For Bihar

1	Arrah	Bhojpur, Buxar	28
2	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur, Banka	30
3	Chapra	Saran (Chapra), Siwan, Goapalganj	44
4	Darbhanga	Darbhanga Madhubani, Samastipur Begusarai, Khagaria	116
5.	Dumka	Dumka, Deoghar Sahebganj, Pakur, Godda	42
6.	Dhanbad	Dhanbad, Bokaro	33
7.	Gaya	Gaya, Aurangabad Jehanabad, Nawadah	47
8.	Hazaribagh	Hazaribagh, Chatra Giridih, Kodarma	56
9.	Jamshedpur	East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum	38
10.	Katihar	Katihar, Kishanganj Purnia, Araria, part of Bhagalpur	45
11.	Munger	Munger, Sheikhpura, Jamuni, Lakhisarai	30
12.	Motihari	East Champaran, West Champaran	41
13.	Muzaffarpur	Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Sitamarhi, Sheohar	49
14.	Patna	Patna, Nalanda	60
15.	Ranchi	Ranchi, Gumla, Loherdagga, Saharsa Supaul Madhopura	38 46
16.	Sasram	Rohtas, Bhabhua Palamu, Garhwa	47
		Total	290

STATEMENT IV

For Madhya Pradesh

S No.	Name of Telecom District	Name of Revenue District Covered	No. of Telephone Exchs to be set up during 1996-97
1	2	3	4
1	Bopal	Bhopal, Sehore	3
2	Gwalior	Datia, Gwalior	3
3	Indore	Indore	3
4	Jabalpur	Jabalpur	3
5	Raipur	Raipur	3
6	Betul	Betul	3
7	Chhatarpur	Chhatarpur	3
8	Chhindwara	Chhindwara	3
9	Dewas	Dewas	3
10	Guna	Guna	3
11	Jagdalpur	Jagdalpur	3
12	Mahakaushal	Balaghat, Mandla	4
13	Narsinghpur	Narsinghpur, Seoni	4
14	Raigarh	Raigarh	3

1	2	3	4
15.	Rajgarh	Rajgarh	3
16.	Rewa	Rewa Sidhi	4
17.	Sagar	Sagar	3
18.	Satna	Panna Satna	4
19.	Shadhol	Sarguja Shahdol	4
20.	Shajapur	Shajapur	2
21.	Shivpuri	Shivpuri	2
22.	Vidhisha	Raisen Vidisha	4
23.	Bilaspur	Bilaspur	3
24.	Dhar	Dhar	3
25.	Durg	Durg Rajnangaon	3
26.	Hoshang	Hoshangabad	3
27.	Khandwa	Khandwa	3
28.	Khargone	Khargone	3
29.	Mandsaur	Mandsaur	3
30.	Morena	Bhind Morena	3
31.	Ratlam	Jhabua Ratlam	3
32.	Ujjain	Ujjain	3
		Total	100

Details of Old Telephone Exchanges proposed to be converted into Electronic Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh During 1996-97

S. No	Name of Telecom Districts	Name of Revenue District Covered	No. of Telephone Exchs. to be converted into Electronic exchanges during 1996-97
1	2	3	4
1.	Gwalior	Gwalior	1
2.	Indore	Indore	2
3.	Rewa	Sidhi	1
4.	Bilaspur	Bilaspur	1
		Total	5
For Orissa			
1.	Balasore	Balasore	1
2.	Bherhampur	Ganjam Boudh	3
3.	Bhubaneswar	Khurda	1
4.	Bolangir	Bolangir Kalahandi	3
5.	Cuttack	Cuttack Jajpur Kendrapara	3
6.	Dhenkanal	Angul	4
7.	Koraput	Rayagada, Nowrangpur	2
8.	Rourkela	Sundhargarh, Jharsubuda, Bargarh, Deogarh	2
9.	Sambalpur	Sambalpur	1
		Total	20

(Only one old telephone exchange at Cuttack in Orissa is proposed to be converted into electronic exchange during 1996-97)

For Bihar

1.	Chapra	Gopalganj	1
2.	Dumka	Dumka, Pakur	3
3.	Gaya	Gaya	1
4.	Hazaribagh	Chatra	2
5.	Jamshedpur	West Singhbhum	3
6.	Katihar	Katihar, Araria	2
7.	Motihari	West Champaran	1
8.	Ranchi	Ranchi, Gumla, Loherdagga	10
9.	Sasram	Rohtas, Bhabhua, Palamu, Garhwa	7
		Total	30

(Only one old telephone exchange at Bhagalpur in Bihar is proposed to be converted into electronic exchange during 1996-97)

New Tourist Places In Maharashtra

1832. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have identified new tourist places in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to renovate those new identified tourist places with the help of the State Government, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b): Identification and development of new tourist places is a continuous process and is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Sindhudurg has been identified as a Special Tourism Area.

(c) and (d): A project for the conservation and development of Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra is under implementation, with the assistance of Overseas